

Notice of Allowability

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Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to filing of RCE 5/3/04
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-18
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 01/16/02 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.

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THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.

5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☐ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

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An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Mills on June 21, 2004.

In the specification:

On page 1, line 5, after "1997," - - now USP 6,415,858, - - has been inserted.

On page 10, line 7, after "herewith," - - now USP 6,073,681, - - has been inserted.

In the claims:

In claim 1, line 11, "a respective plurality of portions of the chuck" has been changed to - - an upper portion of the chuck and a lower member under the upper portion - -.

In claim 1, line 12, - - separately - - has been inserted before "controlled".

In claim 1, line 12, "plurality of portions of the chuck" has been changed to - - upper portion and the lower member - -.

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In claim 1, line 14, after "control fluid" - - circulated to the upper portion and the lower member - - has been inserted.

In claim 1, line 14, "chuck" has been changed to - - temperature of the upper portion and the lower member - -.

In claim 1, line 19, after "control fluid" - - circulated to the upper portion and the lower member - - has been inserted.

In claim 1, line 19, "chuck" has been changed to - - temperature of the upper portion and the lower member - -.

In claim 6, line 11, "a respective plurality of portions of the chuck" has been changed to - - an upper portion of the chuck and a lower member under the upper portion - -.

In claim 6, line 12, - - separately - - has been inserted before "controlled".

In claim 6, line 12, "plurality of portions of the chuck" has been changed to - - upper portion and the lower member - -.

In claim 6, line 13, after "control fluid" - - circulated to the upper portion and the lower member - - has been inserted.

In claim 6, line 14, "chuck" has been changed to - - upper portion and the lower member - -.

In claim 6, line 15, "chuck" has been changed to - - upper portion and the lower member - -.

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In claim 6, line 16, after "control fluid" - - circulated to the upper portion and the lower member - - has been inserted.

In claim 6, line 16, "chuck" has been changed to - - temperature of the upper portion and the lower member - -.

In claim 11, line 12, "a respective plurality of portions of the chuck" has been changed to - - an upper portion of the chuck and a lower member under the upper portion - -.

In claim 11, line 13, - - separately - - has been inserted before "controlled".

In claim 11, line 13, "plurality of portions of the chuck" has been changed to - - upper portion and the lower member - -.

In claim 11, line 15, after "control fluid" - - circulated to the upper portion and the lower member - - has been inserted.

In claim 11, line 15, "chuck" has been changed to - - temperature of the upper portion and the lower member - -.

In claim 11, line 23, after "control fluid" - - circulated to the upper portion and the lower member - - has been inserted.

In claim 11, line 23, "chuck" has been changed to - - temperature of the upper portion and the lower member - -.

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In claim 15, line 9, "a respective plurality of portions of the chuck" has been changed to - - an upper portion of the chuck and a lower member under the upper portion - -.

In claim 15, line 10, - - separately - - has been inserted before "controlled".

In claim 15, line 10, "plurality of portions of the chuck" has been changed to - - upper portion and the lower member - -.


In claim 15, line 15, after "control fluid" - - circulated to the upper portion and the lower member - - has been inserted.

In claim 15, line 16, "chuck" has been changed to - - upper portion and the lower member - -.

In claim 15, line 17, "chuck" has been changed to - - upper portion and the lower member - -.

In claim 15, line 18, after "control fluid" - - circulated to the upper portion and the lower member - - has been inserted.

In claim 15, line 18, "chuck" has been changed to - - temperature of the upper portion and the lower member - -.



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